

The Boston Female Anti Slavery  
society met in considerable strength <sup>on Saturday</sup> & notwithstanding  
the events of the past week, determined to send  
a notice to the evening transcripts that their annual  
meeting would take place on Wednesday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 P.M.  
at 46 Washington Street — that ladies generally are respectfully  
invited to attend & that addresses may be expected.  
If we could have known whether or not Mr Thompson's  
engagements would permit him to come we should have  
stated explicitly as to that fact. At the time you are  
holding your meeting at Braintree, we shall be in  
session at Boston. & we are prepared to say that, in  
the strength of God, our duty shall be done, let the events of  
that day be what they may. The following are the points  
which the whole body of the friends of our cause, male & female  
thinkers should be held fast, at all events. The question now is  
of the rights of whites as well as of the rights of blacks — therefore  
we must strongly assert our right to plead for the blacks.

The opposers pretend to be willing any body should do this  
but Thompson. The fact is, they dread his power. What a  
farce — to talk of his being a foreigner! The very charge brought  
against the apostles whenever they taught out of their own country  
What an insult to the character of God to declare themselves more  
just than he! to attempt to annul his promises to the penitent!  
as they do in the case of Dr Beaman of N. York. He was a slaveholder



10 years ago, & while he continued so, all was right. But when he repented, they said "What a wretch! he once owned slaves, & now goes about preaching against Slavery! He ought to be scourged through the streets!" So too they tell malicious lies of Thompsons, & then say "let him be murdered if he attempts to address the people." I wish such poor, ignorant, goalless creatures could be induced to give the act of the Apostles one faithful reading. They might also derive great instruction from the manner in which our blessed Lord selected his apostles; ~~rather~~ <sup>rather</sup> among the publicans & sinners - all of them from among the despised & rejected of men.

Were every word uttered against Thompson <sup>here</sup> true, in its strictest sense, the case would be in ~~no~~ way altered.

Whom <sup>most frequently</sup> does God choose to rebuke sin & to present his offer of Pardon & mercy to the impenitent? & those whom he has snatched as brands from the burnings. It has always been so, through sacred & profane History. Look at our own times. Do not the Wine bibbers in high places say that Sargent is shamefully impudent to lecture on Temperance after a youth of riot & excess? Yet who so well calculated to warn others as one who has himself felt the evil he is trying to cure. ~~in others~~ <sup>in others</sup> Therefore being the Gospel view & the common sense view, I cannot but wonder at the folly of those who think they can destroy a man's usefulness by circulating false statements to his



disadvantage. If George Thompson be now a Christian -  
one of those to whom, because ~~he has~~ of repentance the  
Lord will not impute iniquity, what impropriety  
to condemn his past transgressions, (supposing him really  
to have committed such.) Well might ~~David say~~ <sup>David say</sup> the  
"Let me fall into the hand of the Lord & not into the  
hand of man." Then shall we comprehend the  
character of God & strive to imitate it.

The drawers are <sup>all</sup> right. I enclose the money &  
send the pay. I think the alone is the stand we ought  
to take about Thompson. Confess nothing - but deny crime -  
admit the possibility of indiscretion, & assert this right  
of preaching & ours of hearing even if he were a murderer.

I will write after our meeting. Better request  
whoever of your number makes the prayer to remember  
in it, their friends every where who may be persecuted  
for conscience sake & also the oppressors who stone those  
that are sent unto them & also Him who now bears  
the brunt of this conflict & takes all the storm on his  
own head - & that this nation may remember that if,



though a stranger, we take him up, in the name  
of a disciple, Christ accounts it as done unto himself.

Yours faithfully

W. M.

Make what use you please of this  
letter.